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SUBJECT: MTN AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE

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EMBOFF DISCUSSED OCT 17/18 COMPROMISE WITH DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ABRAMOWSKI AND KUEHN IN
ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND ALSO CONVEYED POINTS RAISED
REFTELS TO MFA TRADE POLICY OFFICIAL. ABRAMOWSKI AND
KUEHN MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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(A) MTN AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT IN FRG VIEW PUT CAP INTO QUESTION. THIS HOLDS FOR THE VARIABLE LEVY SYSTEM AS WELL AS FOR EXPORT RESTITUTIONS. THESE ARE NECESSARY PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY'S AGRICULTURE PROGRAM HAVING A SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL ELEMENT. BEYOND THAT THESE OFFICIALS FEARED THAT ANY FRG EFFORT TO COLLABORATE WITH US WOULD STRONGLY COMPROMISE FRG ATTEMPTS WITHIN COMMUNITY TO REFORM CAP.

(B) ON OTHER HAND FRG HAS STRONG INTEREST IN GETTING OVER PRESENT DIFFICULTY IN HANDLING AGRICULTURE SO AS NOT TO IMPAIR MOMENTUM OF MTN NEGOTIATIONS. FRG IS THEREFORE PREPARED TO ACCEPT TEXT OF OCT 17/18 COMPROMISE WITHOUT CHANGE.

(C) KUEHN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT FRENCH WOULD PRESS 113 COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN TEXT OF OCT 17/18 COMPROMISE. FRG WOULD THEN BE CAUGHT BETWEEN EFFORTS ON THE ONE HAND TO WORK OUT A TEXT ACCEPTABLE TO FRENCH AND ON OTHER HAND OF DANGER OF ADVERSE IMPACT IN US OF NEW EC EFFORT TO OPEN UP TEXT OF THIS COMPROMISE. EMBOFF POINTED TO SUCCESSIVE US/EC EFFORTS IN PAST TO FIND A WORKABLE COMPROMISE AND TO HIGH LEVEL OF US OFFICIALS WHO WORKED OUT OCT. 17/18 COMPROMISE. HE EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IT WOULD CAUSE IN WASHINGTON IF EC MAKES NEW REQUEST TO RENEGOTIATE THIS COMPROMISE.

(D) EC COMMISSION HAS INFORMED EC CAPITALS ABOUT US EFFORT TO CLARIFY THE QUESTION OF TIMING AND PROCEDURE CONCERNING REPORTS ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. KUEHN WARNED THAT US RISKS A BREAKDOWN IN ITS EFFORTS TO REACH A COMPROMISE BY PRESSING THIS ISSUE. KUEHN SUGGESTED THAT WE RELY ON COMMITMENT IN TOKYO DECLARATION CONCERNING PARALLELISM OF ALL PARTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THUS ON THE TNC TO HANDLE REPORTS ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.
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